



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL AMENDMENT MEMO

2001 Senate Bill 47

**Senate
Amendment 1**

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Current law generally requires the use of safety belts in motor vehicles. However, a law enforcement officer may not stop or inspect a vehicle solely to determine compliance with the safety belt requirements. A citation may be issued for a violation of these requirements observed in the course of a stop or inspection for other purposes.

Senate Bill 47 amends the statutes to provide for primary enforcement of safety belt requirements. A law enforcement officer may stop or inspect a vehicle solely to determine compliance with safety belt requirements. Further, the current forfeiture of \$10 for a violation of these requirements is raised to a forfeiture of \$25 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$75 for the second or any later offense committed within three years.

Senate Amendment 1 amends Senate Bill 47 to provide that a violation of the safety belt requirements will result in a forfeiture of \$10 for the first offense and \$25 for the second or subsequent offense committed within one year.

Senate Amendment 1 was adopted by the Senate Committee on Judiciary, Consumer Affairs and Campaign Finance Reform on a vote of Ayes, 5, Noes, 0, on June 26, 2001. Senate Bill 47, as amended, was recommended for passage on a vote of Ayes, 4, Noes, 1, on June 26, 2001.

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